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SUBJECT: NATIONAL BANK INCREASES DISCOUNT AND LOMBARD RATES

1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE SWISS NATIONAL BANK HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 1974, DISCOUNT RATE WILL BE INCREASED FROM 4.5 PERCENT TO 5.5 PERCENT AND LOMBARD RATE FROM 5.25 PERCENT TO 6.0 PERCENT. THESE RATES LAST INCREASED JANUARY 22, 1973.

2. DISCOUNT AND LOMBARD RATES INCREASED TO REDUCE SPREAD BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND MARKET INTEREST RATES AND TO REDUCE EXCESSIVE USE OF NATIONAL BANK CREDIT BY COMMERCIAL BANKS. IN ANTICIPATION OF THESE HIGHER RATES, COMMERCIAL BANKS INCREASED INTEREST RATE ON 3-12 MONTH DEPOSITS FROM 5.5 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT.
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